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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Waiting, Anticipating, and Semper Paratus!

This issue's cover story is on the 55th presidential inauguration. I have now volunteered to take part in the last three of these celebrations. For President Clinton's second inaugural in 1997, as a first class petty officer, I was part of the joint services cordon that lines Pennsylvania Avenue during the parade. I stood duty a few hundred feet east of the presidential reviewing stand and got a "front row" spot. In 2001, as a chief petty officer, I was an usher on the west side of the Capitol for President Bush's first swearing-in ceremony. That was exciting, too, being in such close proximity to the front podium.

This year, as a chief warrant officer, I wanted to do something different. So, I volunteered for the parade's Reserve marching unit. The 90 or so of us that made up this unit were from Headquarters, Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (Cape May), and Port Security Unit 305 (Fort Eustis, Va.).

What you didn't see if you watched it on television was the tremendous logistical undertaking and waiting time involved behind the scenes. On Inauguration Day, the cordon and ushers had already reported in the middle of the night when the Reserve marching unit mustered at HQ at 0700. After a morning practice session, we departed HQ around 1045 in two buses, arriving at the Pentagon parking lot shortly after 1100. The Pentagon served as the check-in point for the many bands members and military personnel who participated. After a two-hour wait in the south lot, we finally drove to the Pentagon's north side where everyone went through a security checkpoint and waited some more.... Finally around 1515, we departed for the national mall, the parade's staging area.

More waiting....

The parade had already been underway 90 minutes when the Fifth Division (Coast Guard) stepped off at approximately 1630. Daylight was rapidly disappearing. We had waited over nine hours since our morning muster, when we finally marched smartly down the mall, and onto 4th Street. As we rounded the corner onto Pennsylvania Avenue, it was so loud from surrounding bands, loudspeakers and the crowd — that it was nearly impossible to hear cadence. With the eyes of the nation on us, all I could hear was my shipmates mumbling, "left, left, left right left." As we marched up Pennsylvania Avenue, the crowd in the bleachers had thinned considerably. See page 21 for a photo of the Reserve marching unit.

As we approached the White House reviewing stand, we heard the command, "Eyes left!" and we snapped our heads at a 45-degree angle toward the presidential reviewing stand. As we marched by our Commandant, ADM Thomas Collins, was standing next to President Bush. I could see them smiling as we marched by.

It was a thrilling moment — and well worth the wait!

After that, we marched up to 22nd Street in northwest D.C., where we boarded buses and headed back to HQ by 1830.

My brother saw us on TV and called me that night to say we looked excellent! Whew...we passed "TV inspection!" Yes, it was a long day, but worth being Semper Paratus for that one moment. Sometimes, waiting and anticipating is one of the most important components of being Semper Paratus.

**-Ed.**



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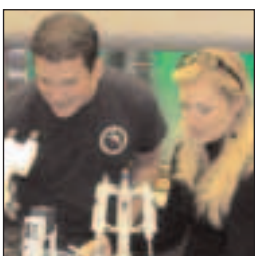
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DoD photo by Journalist 2nd Class Mark O'Donald, U.S. Navy

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### Station Washington

Keeping watch over some of the most powerful people on the planet is just another day at the office for this crew.





## Focus on Fitness

Over the past few months, I have seen several messages and publicized articles about the new Coast Guard physical fitness plans. Obviously, it makes good sense to be healthy and fit. However, the materials I have read seem to show the program is designed for the Active Duty component.

One example is that the fitness program seems to require 12 hours a month activity, which is equal to three drills. However, there will not be any pay or orders issued for reservists to accomplish the program. Being in the Coast Guard is an active duty member's full-time job and it is about 18 hours a month for a reservist. When a fitness program is part of your full-time job, it is easier to ensure you accomplish it.

Another issue to consider is what should a reservist do if they become injured during their fitness routine? Will the Coast Guard's insurance take care of the medical care, and how would the member obtain that care if they are not under orders? Lastly, some reservists reside remotely from their unit and may not even have exercise facilities available to them.

Please consider publishing a response to answer these issues.

— MST1 Caleb T. King, USCGR  
MSO Paducah, Ky.

*Ed's note: Thanks for the letter! You have raised valid concerns and issues. We'll publish a follow-up article in a future issue.*



## Thoughts on Integration

This letter comes as a follow-up regarding RADM John C. Acton's "View from The Bridge" in Vol. 52/Issue 1, "Becoming a More Effective and Efficient Reserve Force." The announcement by Admiral Acton of yet another study of the Coast Guard Reserve by new working groups and assessment teams to determine Coast Guard missions and the means to meet those missions leads me to believe that the Coast Guard Reserve continues to be one of the most studied government entities. I would like to see *The Reservist* list all the various previous studies that have been conducted without including annual Reserve Policy Boards or other routine repetitive study groups.

In my view, the main reason that the CGR continually needs to be studied and reviewed is that we have a quasi-military system being micro-managed down to individual reservists because of the disconnection between mobilization requirements and augmentation of the active duty units. Individual augmentation or integration is not an appropriate service mission for any military reserve. Since the early 1970s, augmentation has proven to be a "feel-good" activity that provides some benefits to the regulars and some to the reservists but at a severe readiness price and an administrative burden. However, augmentation has never been directly supportive of mobilization readiness, which is the primary reason for the Reserve's existence.

Most of the cited problems by Admiral Acton exist primarily because the Coast Guard Reserve largely abandoned military

principles of crisis response with equipped, trained and ready units. The most obvious exception to this situation is the OCONUS PSUs. The MSSTs (a mix of regulars and reservists) formed after 9/11 could have been manned, equipped, trained and ready by the Reserve before 9/11 and might have been called INCONUS PSUs. Look at the Reserve system in another light. If we regulars and reservists with a plethora of military training along with some operational mobilization experience had to create a Reserve from scratch, I doubt we would create the non-uniform program that exists today. Whether an officer is a regular or reserve, we cannot escape basic proven principles of military mission, readiness, unit training, response capability and economy of effort.

The events prior to and post 9/11 continue to convince me that the Coast Guard Reserve took an inappropriate course in 1992 when all but a few units were disbanded and the tenants of another Reserve study called the Strategic Planning And Reserve Capabilities Study (SPARCS 1989) were followed. In conjunction with the unit disbanding, Reserve personnel reductions of about 30 percent were Coast Guard mandated. The funds that were saved should not have been the determining force for the Reserve's reduction but rather seeing what could be more effectively achieved with the funds that were available. In the 1990s, a Reserve plan should have been created similar to "Deep Water" that gave real hope to reservists for a better-equipped readiness future.

In the Coast Guard Reserve, speaking against the Augmentation/Integration program is like criticizing a sacred golden calf, but one of these days the Coast Guard and its Reserve has to wake up and face the truth of the complete consequences caused by massive augmentation fostered not only on reservists but on the regulars as well. Perhaps these new studies will recognize this reality and begin a course change.

— CAPT Joseph F. Manfreda USCGR (Ret.)  
Chicago, Ill.

## Tax Time Tips

I would like to remind everyone of the savings that we, as reservists, are entitled to on our federal tax return. This applies to all reservists who meet the two qualifying requirements:

1. Travel more than 100 miles away from their home.
2. Stay overnight to fulfill drilling requirements

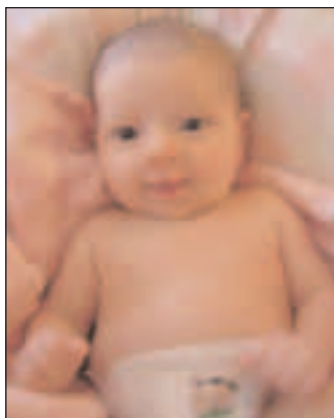
If you meet these two requirements, you are able to deduct the costs of transportation, meals (subject to 50 percent disallowance rule) and lodging. This is a great tax advantage because it is an "above the line" deduction, which means that it offsets income dollar for dollar. I took advantage of this rule last year and received an extra \$100 on my refund. If you do qualify for these deductions, then follow the instructions and fill out IRS Form 2106 or ask your accountant for details.

— BM3 Kyle Viele, USCGR  
East Lansing, Mich.

*Ed's note: BM3 Viele is an accounting student at Michigan State University and works for an accounting firm.*

## Bruckenthal Commemorative Coin

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your readers for their support and participation in the DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal commemorative coin project. Being a friend to TACLET SOUTH and the USCG, I wanted to be able to raise money and donate it to the Bruckenthal trust fund. I also wanted to create a, "point of reference," for those to remember him by. With your help and support to date, we have donated



\$4,440 to the trust and accomplished that point of reference.

On Nov. 19, 2004, DC3 Bruckenthal's daughter, Harper, was born. She came into this world not being able to be held by her father, but the memory of her father will not be forgotten. Ric Bruckenthal, Nathan's father said, "knowing that the memory of my son will continue, gives me comfort."

As a full time police officer and SWAT operator, I also find comfort by knowing that Nathan is remembered as the true warrior that he was.

Once again thank you for your support and continue to, "Houstes Oppugnate," which means "Carry the Fight To the Enemy!"

— Mr. David Agata  
Margate, Fla.

*Ed's note: The coin is still available. Check the Bulletin Boards of Vol. 51, Issues 8 and 9 for information.*

## Heritage Issue Cover

I would like to share information about the identify of one of the Coast Guardsmen pictured on the cover of the Heritage issue of *The Reservist* (Vol. 51, Issue 7). The man standing to the left of the fire hose nozzle nearest the bow is my late brother, Archibold Henderson Crittenden, who was a coxswain attached the Port Security Identification Unit based during World War II at 42 Broadway in New York City (Manhattan). My brother died in 1992 at age 72.



— LCDR Thomas D. Crittenden, USCGR(Ret.)  
Virginia Beach, Va.

*Ed's note: Thank you for letting us know, sir! We enjoyed putting together the heritage issue, but there just wasn't much cutline information attached to the wonderful photos. Appreciate you taking time to put a name to the face for our readers!*

## Coast Guard Heroes

This letter is in regards to BMCS Jack Crowley's letter in Vol. 52, Issue 1 on "Coast Guard Heroes." His letter is an exciting read. All with a Coast Guard interest could use occasional

injections, or reminders, or our unsung past. He listed 11 Silver Star recipients relative to D-Day. Of the 11, I briefly encountered one: CAPT Miles Imlay, who taught us how to handle an oar the first couple days after reporting to the Academy in 1950. However, we knew nothing of his past service (he left shortly thereafter to become commanding officer of the CG Receiving [now known as Training] Center, Cape May, where, I am sure many others experienced his tutelage.

What about the other 10? In fact, my Willoughby's *U.S. Coast Guard in World War II* lists 64 recipients of the Silver Star, six of the Distinguished Service Medal, and about 250 recipients of the Bronze Star and a whole lot more heroes who received other war time commendations. The Coast Guard can be justifiably proud of its "every day heroes," but if we don't know of them, who will? We should take every opportunity to inform the new Coast Guard generations. *The Reservist* can be the vehicle to do it.

— CAPT Lawrence D. Levine, USCGR(Ret.)  
Northbrook, Ill.

## Another Great Year!

Congratulations on another great year of *Reservist* publications. The articles have been consistently interesting, information-rich and well-written.

I am so pleased to be apprised of the increasingly meaningful role our reservists play in Homeland Security, Iraqi Freedom and their continuing missions in SAR and Marine Law Enforcement. As one of the original PSU members from the late 1980s and the "Desert Shield-Desert Storm" era, I have been particularly delighted to see the high levels of training, equipment and logistic support that has been extended to the contemporary units.

Thanks also for providing insights as to emerging issues and "best practices" within our service.

I subscribe to three private sector professional journals written by and for employees in specific fields. I can truthfully say that the *U.S. Coast Guard Reservist* exceeds the standard of excellence for these kinds of publication and is a real asset to our members.

Bravo Zulu and thanks.

— CAPT John R. Olson, USCGR(Ret.)  
Madison, Wis.





## Meet the New Director of Reserve and Training

RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara has been selected as the next Director of Reserve & Training (G-WT). Brice-O'Hara is currently serving as Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District. Prior to that, she served as the Director of Personnel Management for the Coast Guard for the period July 2001 to April 2003. In this position, she was responsible for planning and administering an extensive range of human resource programs.



**RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara**

At the time of her selection to flag rank, she was Commanding Officer of Training Center Cape May. Previous operational duties included two commands, of Station Cape May, N.J., and Group Baltimore, Md., as well as a short assignment as Deputy Commander of Activities Baltimore where she was also the Alternate Captain of the Port. Earlier positions of significance were Assistant Director of Admissions at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., Planning Officer at Support Center Kodiak, Alaska, and duty as one of four members of the Commandant's Strategic Planning Staff.

A native of Annapolis, Md., she graduated from Goucher College with a bachelor of arts in Sociology in 1974, and received her Coast Guard commission from Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Va., in June 1975. She also holds a master of arts in Public Administration from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. Brice-O'Hara graduated from the National War College with a master of science in National Security Strategy, and also has an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters awarded by Goucher College in 2002.

Her personal awards include two Legion of Merits, a Meritorious Service Medal, six Coast Guard Commendation Medals, a Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation. She and her husband, Bob, have two sons, Chip and Brice.

"I'm looking forward to returning to work in human resources again," said Brice-O'Hara. "My recent field experience as a district commander provides an especially beneficial perspective on the issues and challenges of the reserve and training program."

RADM Brice-O'Hara will relieve RADM James C. Van Sice during the upcoming transfer season. See sidebar for a list of all Flag officer assignments.

## 2005 Flag Officer Assignments

*From ALCOAST 564/04 (P 222014 DEC 04), COMDTNOTE 1321.*

Commandant (G-C)  
Vice Commandant (G-CV)

ADM T.H. Collins  
VADM T.M. Cross

### Area Commands

LANTAREA  
Sr. Reserve Officer/LANTAREA  
PACAREA  
Sr. Reserve Officer/PACAREA

VADM V.S. Crea  
RADM J.C. Acton III  
VADM H.E. Johnson  
RADM D.C. Smith

### Joint Interagency Task Forces

Director, JIATF South  
Director, JIATF West

RADM J.J. Hathaway  
RADM R.R. Kelly

### District Commands

First District  
Fifth District  
Seventh District  
Eighth District  
Ninth District  
Eleventh District  
Thirteenth District  
Fourteenth District  
Seventeenth District

RADM D.P. Pekoske  
RADM L.L. Hereth  
RADM D.B. Peterman  
RADM R.F. Duncan  
RADM R.J. Papp  
RADM K.J. Eldridge  
RADM R.R. Houck  
RADM C.D. Wurster  
RADM J.C. Olson

### Maintenance & Logistics Commands

MLC Atlantic  
MLC Pacific

RADM C.I. Pearson  
RADM J.A. Breckenridge

### Headquarters Units

Academy Superintendent

RADM J.C. Van Sice

### Headquarters Staff

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Deputy Asst. Comdt. For Intelligence & Investigations (CG-2D)  
Asst. Comdt. For C4 & Info Tech (CG-6)  
Asst. Comdt. For Planning, Resources & Procurement (CG-8)  
Asst. Comdt. for Acquisition (G-A)  
Prog. Exec. Of., Deepwater (G-D)  
Asst. Comdt. for Gov. & Pub Aff (G-I)  
Chief Counsel/Judge Adv. Gen (G-L)  
Asst. Comdt. for Marine Safety, Security Envir. Protection (G-M)  
Dir. of Port Security (G-MP)  
Asst. Comdt. for Operations (G-O)  
Dir. of Operations Capability (G-OC)  
Maritime Domain Awareness (G-MDA)  
Dir. of Operations Policy (G-OP)  
Asst. Comdt. for Systems (G-S)  
Asst. Comdt. for Human Res. (G-W)  
Dir. of Health & Safety (G-WK)  
Dir. of Personnel Mgmt. (G-WP)  
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RADM K.T. Venuto  
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# A BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESERVE AFFAIRS



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February 19, 2005

Rear Admiral James C. Van Sice, USCG  
Director of Reserve and Training  
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Dear Admiral Van Sice:

On behalf of the Department of Defense, I offer greetings to the men and women of the United States Coast Guard Reserve for a happy 64<sup>th</sup> birthday. Since February 19, 1941, the nation has relied upon the 'always ready' service of our Coast Guard Reserve.

Since the onset of this global war on terror, the United States Coast Guard Reserve has been there – whether serving in the harbor of New York City or in the Persian Gulf. Success in peacetime and wartime is assured through the outstanding dedication of your members.

Coast Guardsmen and women provide vital security at home; in our maritime protection zone, our harbors, and in our inland waterways. Your organization, as a vital part of the Department of Homeland Security and as a wartime component of the Department of Defense, has been exemplary.

Please pass along to your Coasties colleagues my grateful appreciation and thanks for their continued service to our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "TF Hall".

T. F. Hall









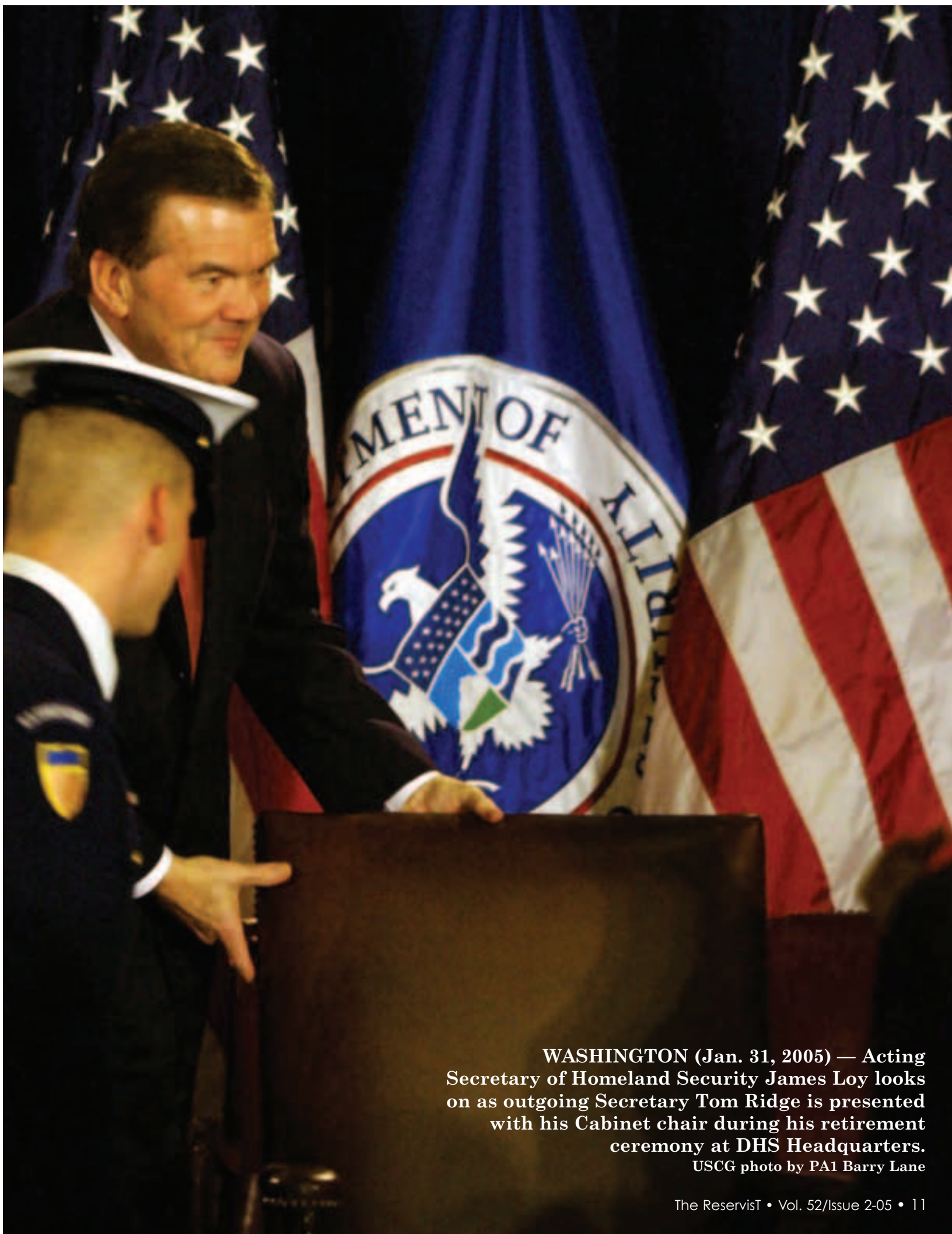


**WASHINGTON, D.C. (Jan. 20, 2005) — With his family by his side, President George W. Bush is sworn in for his second term as the 43rd President of the United States by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. More than 5,000 men and women in uniform participate in inaugural events. Military ceremonial support traditionally includes musical units, marching bands, color guards, firing details and salute batteries.**  
DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald, U.S. Air Force.









**WASHINGTON (Jan. 31, 2005) — Acting Secretary of Homeland Security James Loy looks on as outgoing Secretary Tom Ridge is presented with his Cabinet chair during his retirement ceremony at DHS Headquarters.**  
USCG photo by PA1 Barry Lane









**Jaffna, Sri Lanka (Jan. 16, 2005) — A Coast Guard C-130 airplane and crew from Barbers Point, Hawaii, delivered over 34,000 pounds of food Jan. 17 to the tsunami affected town of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Four Coast Guard units from Air Stations Clearwater, Fla., Elizabeth City, N.C., Sacramento, Calif., and Barbers Point deployed to Southeast Asia to deliver aid.**

USCG photo by PA3 Mariana O'Leary.

## 2004 CGR Outstanding Junior Officer

### LT Richard Lavigne, MSO Tampa, D7

MSO Tampa's LT Richard Lavigne is the recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve's 2004 Outstanding Junior Officer award. This national award, sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association since 1983, is presented to the junior officer judged to be the most outstanding based on exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties, civic accomplishments, demonstrated leadership ability, and notable contributions to the Coast Guard.

Lavigne's actions during two major national special security events, multiple natural disasters and overall community service were most notable. He served as a project officer for the June 2004 G8 summit in Brunswick, Ga., winning praise from the Secret Service Agent in charge of security for the event. He was also noted for excellent performance during the Democratic National Convention in Boston last July, as well as for his on-duty and volunteer relief efforts in the wake of four devastating hurricanes that hit Florida and the Gulf Coast during 2004.

He is a Hillsborough County, Fla. Deputy Sheriff in civilian life and serves as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician in his community. He also works with young children at his church.

The award was presented during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference in mid-February in Washington, D.C. ALCOAST 552/04 announced the award winner; nominees are listed at right. For a list of all 22 winners since the award's establishment in 1983, see the January 2003 *Reservist*, on line at [www.uscg.mil/reservist](http://www.uscg.mil/reservist)



Photo courtesy LT Richard Lavigne, USCGR

## 2004 Nominees

Congratulations to the outstanding nominees for this year's ROA OJO award:

### FIRST DISTRICT

CWO3 Mark DuPont

### FIFTH DISTRICT

LT Emanuel Terminella, Jr.

### EIGHTH DISTRICT

CWO2 Quinn Quagliano

### SEVENTH DISTRICT

**LT Richard Lavigne**

### NINTH DISTRICT

CWO4 Dale Hoornstra

### ELEVENTH DISTRICT

LTJG Apryl Pidding

### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

ENS Martin Schell

### FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

LT Douglas Crabbe

### SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

CWO Norman Chapman

### PACAREA

LT Kevin Tyrrell

### ENGINEERING LOGISTICS CENTER

CWO2 William Smith

## 2004 Waesche Award Winners



### First Coast Guard District, ISC Boston

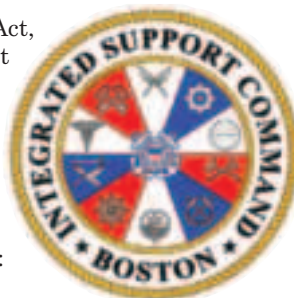
The First Coast Guard District and Integrated Support Command Boston have been selected as the 2004 ADM Russell R. Waesche Award recipients. Sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, this award recognizes Coast Guard Districts and their associated Integrated Support Commands for superior Reserve readiness.

The First District and ISC Boston were selected for maintaining superior readiness of a force of 1,300 Selected Reservists while meeting several significant and sometimes simultaneous challenges, including providing extensive security for both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions and Operation Sail Rhode Island, responding to elevated threat levels in New York, implementing significant requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act, and standing up PSU 301. At some point during FY094, 95 percent of D1 Selected Reservists were mobilized.

Runner up was the Ninth District/ISC Cleveland.

The award was presented to First District representatives at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception held in conjunction with the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 14.

The First District has now won the Waesche Award seven times: 1968, 1979, 1993, 1994, 2000, 2001, and 2004.



*The Waesche Award was established in 1961 in recognition of the exceptional foresight, understanding and wisdom of ADM Russell R. Waesche in conceiving, planning and developing the Reserve of the United States Coast Guard. It is presented by the Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association, and awarded annually to a District for outstanding achievement.*



# PSU 307 wins Family Readiness Award



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Coast Guard Port Security Unit 307 in St. Petersburg, Fla. is the recipient of the 2004 Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award (RAFRA). The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs established the RAFRA to recognize the top unit in each of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces that has demonstrated outstanding family readiness while maintaining superior mission readiness.

PSU 307 acted quickly to ensure all dependents had ID cards prior to the unit's deployment to Southwest Asia for *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. During the nearly year-long deployment, the unit and its ombudsman ensured family

members received useful, timely support and updates. PSU 307's creative methods for keeping members and their families informed included creation and distribution of a monthly newsletter to disseminate up-to-date information. The unit also established a network and response team at its home base to provide family assistance and keep deployed personnel informed of the status of family members during a very busy hurricane season.

The award was presented to PSU 307 at a Feb. 18 Pentagon ceremony. Winners from the other Reserve components were also honored. The winning unit was announced via ALCOAST 016/05.

## Important information for Reservists who are federal employees

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Per ALCOAST 547/04 (available online at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/cpm/cgmesge/ButterbaughDecision.htm>) federal civilian employees who are or were also drilling Reservists may file administrative claims for civilian annual leave used after exhausting the 15 days of military leave for reserve training (5 U.S.C. 6323 (a)). The federal court in *Butterbaugh v DOJ*, 336 F.3d 1332 (Fed Cir 2003), held that federal agencies had erroneously charged federal civilian employees leave for non-work days while they were away from their civilian jobs for reserve training. The Office of Personnel Management has authorized the restoration of civilian annual leave when leave was erroneously charged in this type of situation.

A claim must be made in order to have such leave restored. Under federal law, there is a limit on how long after a claim accrues that a valid claim may be submitted (generally 6 years). In other words, leave that was erroneously charged many years ago may not be restored, because the time period for filing a claim has expired. Office of Personnel Management guidance also limits the amount of creditable annual leave that can be restored can be found at: <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2004/2004-19.asp>.

Current or former Coast Guard civilian employees who lost annual leave while attending reserve training should file a written claim. The claim should be accompanied by a written copy of their military orders, certification of attendance, or other documentation indicating engagement in one or more periods of reserve duty which included non-work days and a charge to annual leave.

Claims should be sent to the following address: Commandant (G-WPC-3) U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593. Claims and supporting documentation may also be faxed to (202) 267-4580 (ATTN: J. Leung). Employees should call (202) 267-6566, or (202) 267-1264 to verify receipt of faxed copies.

For additional information, employees should contact their servicing Civilian Command Staff Advisors or Human Resources Specialists. Military personnel may contact LCDR Patti Mitrowski (G-WPM-1) at (202) 267-1385.

Coast Guard Reservists employed by other federal agencies should contact their employing agency's human resources office for proper claims filing procedures.

## DHS / TSA Signs Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

ARLINGTON, Va. — Mr. David Stone, Administrator of the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration, signed a Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve Dec. 28.

According to Bob Hollingsworth, Executive Director of Employer Support of Guard and Reserve, "The Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration is joining a growing cadre of Federal Agencies, Fortune 500 companies, and thousands of American employers who have pledged support for our troops. A Statement of Support serves two very vital functions: First, it demonstrates the strong level of support for our Guard and Reserve, which is important during this critical time. Secondly, it sends a clear message to the service members that while they're serving their country, they do not have to worry about their civilian jobs."

"This is a significant event not only for the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration, but for all Federal civil service employees," added Hollingsworth. "The Federal Government is one of the largest employers of National Guardsmen and Reservists in the country."

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) protects the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce. The agency is responsible for security relating to civil aviation, maritime and all other modes of transportation. This responsibility extends to transportation facilities like airports, ports, the nation's railroads, highways and public transit systems.

*A crowd of thousands anticipates the  
swearing-in ceremony of President  
George W. Bush on the west side of the U.S.  
Capitol in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2005.  
DoD photo by Photographer's 2nd Class Mate Corey  
Lewis, U.S. Navy.*







# *The 55<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration*

*Story by  
PFA2 Judy Silverstein*





very four years on Jan. 20, the oath of office is administered to the president-elect and vice president-elect of the United States, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

This year's 55th inaugural theme, "A Vision of America," commemorated the anniversaries of two significant events in American history that helped shape our nation: the centennial of Theodore Roosevelt's formal inauguration as president in 1905, and the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition reaching the Pacific in 1805.

The military has been involved in American inaugurations since the inauguration of George Washington. According to the Armed Forces Information Committee (AFIC), when George Washington began his inaugural journey from Mount Vernon, Va. to New York City in 1789, he was joined by local militias along the route. Throughout inaugural history, the military has primarily performed a ceremonial and support role.

Deeply woven into this most security-conscious inauguration ever in the post-9/11 era were themes of patriotism and the military. A scheduled flyover on the Ellipse during the Celebration of Freedom Jan. 19 showcased the air power of the armed forces. During the inaugural parade, the U.S. Army Field Band led the first division with bands from each military branch, parade details from each branch of service, caissons and Civil War re-enactors, college and high school bands.

### *Division 5: Saving Best for Last!*

For a brief moment in history, all eyes in this country were focused on celebration, despite security measures that involved meticulous behind-the-scenes planning. That included a critical role for Coast Guard Station Washington

as the eyes and ears on the Potomac River scanning bridges and shoreline as part of a layered strategy of defense (see "A Posting on the Potomac" on page 24). But it is not the first time security has been on the minds of organizers and presidential handlers. The military also provided Abraham Lincoln with protection during those rocky pages of history.

Despite blustery winds and frigid temperatures, throngs of inaugural attendees began assembling in the predawn hours in the nation's capital. As the crowd pressed into the area on the Capitol's west side, the Coast Guard as well as all the armed services, provided ushers, helping people find their seats and answering questions.

Following the official swearing in ceremony and speech by President Bush, five divisions marched in the parade — Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, with the fifth and last headed up by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard contingent included the Coast Guard Band, Academy cadets, Training Center Cape May recruits, Honor Guard and the Reserve marching unit. The Reserve marching unit was made up of Headquarters personnel, REBI students from Cape May and PSU 305 members from Fort Eustis, Va. For some from boot camp, it was a unique first introduction to the Coast Guard. For older Coast Guard veterans, it was the capstone to a long career. And for still others, it was the sixth or seventh inaugural parade.

Other Coast Guardsmen were part of a joint cordon during the parade that lined Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House. Standing at 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue was Richard Mourey, a Coast Guard commander in warm civilian garb. Now assigned to the Department of Transportation (DOT), Mourey was wearing his boots from work in the Bering Sea, but was anxiously awaiting the appearance of the Coast Guard. He had to wait until late in the afternoon as the Coast Guard didn't step off until about 4:30 p.m. — 90 minutes after the parade started.

MCPO Linda Reid, USCGR, marched this year and had worked on coordination in the 1985, 1989 and 1993



**Left: The Coast Guard Honor Guard passes in review on the east side of the U.S. Capitol.**

**Right: Joint Service Cordon lines Pennsylvania Avenue during the parade. • Next page, left: A Joint Color Guard marches in the parade.**

Photo by AFIC













Photo courtesy AFIC

inaugurations. She says it's always interesting working and participating in the inaugural festivities and she enjoys working with all the services.

Wearing dark blue trenchcoats, white scarfs, and combination covers, the Coast Guard marched from the National Mall, turned near the new Museum of the Native American, and went up Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House reviewing stand and beyond to 22nd Street in Northwest D.C. (see photo above of the Reserve marching unit).

### *Coast Guard Band Plays on...*

While most of the parade participants disbanded once back at CG Headquarters in the early evening, the Coast Guard Band dashed across town to the Washington Convention Center to perform at the Stars and Stripes Gala. A crowd wearing glittery and sparkly formal attire was treated to the performance of the Coast Guard Band under the direction of LT Ken Megan, who has been affiliated with the band for 29 years. Four silver trumpets gleamed as band members played the Vice Presidential inaugural dance. As Mr. Cheney wheeled his wife around the stage to "Just the Way You Look Tonight," the crowd cheered and ah-ed approval.

"I know you worked very hard to get here tonight," said the Vice President. "...and I want to welcome you to the very first day of the second term of George W. Bush." More cheers and applause.

As bass woodwind and percussion played in unison, Roger Luna, a retired Coast Guard Reservist, stood near the stage transfixed by their talent. Strains of the "Washington Post March" by John Philip Sousa, one of the co-founders of the band, filtered through the ballroom.

Luna's eyes danced and he started to recall boot camp at Cape May when he worked with the band's supply issues.

Even more amazing was the fact that the band members were sight reading music they had not seen before. With marked precision they hit each note.

"We all get along well, and Mr. Megan has a good respect for us and it's mutual," said Chief Greg Martin.

MUCM Cheryl Six played the only piccolo. With 27 years of tenure, she calls her work a good match. "I like structure," she said.

The band sounded perfectly on pitch. They should be — this is a group of professional musicians and each coveted spot garners 30-40 auditions each.

Suddenly, the conductor crisply ended the music. On cue from the Secret Service, he began conducting "Hail to the Chief" and the crowd went wild and cameras flashed. The packed room melted as the 43rd president asked his wife for a dance.

Meanwhile, the Commander-in-Chief's Ball at the National Building Museum, was planned to pay respect to the troops and their families. Freedom, independence, liberty and democracy were common themes throughout the inaugural festivities — a welcome sign for many in the military.

At the conclusion of the evening's festivities the time-honored tradition of military participation came to a close at the 55th inauguration.

Participating in both the parade and the Commander-in-Chief's Ball was LTJG Greg Peck, a reservist stationed at Coast Guard Headquarters. His thoughts would probably be echoed by most Coast Guardsmen who participated.

"Participating in these inaugural events was an honor and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Peck.

# Behind the Scenes: Of A Presidential Inauguration

**An interview with CAPT Donald Grant,  
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve,  
deputy director of ceremonies,  
Joint Task Force – Armed Forces Inaugural Committee.**

**The Reservist: Would you please tell the members of the Coast Guard what JTF-AFIC is, and what it does?**

Joint Task Force - Armed Forces Inaugural Committee is a joint organization that comes together every four years to be a part of the inaugural ceremonies, as a military component — as the military has done since the very first inauguration in 1789 with President George Washington. We carry on the tradition of the military providing the escort to the commander in chief and show the world how a democratic change of government is effected.

**How does military ceremonial support to the inauguration work?**

We, first and foremost, work with the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies on presenting the president and bringing him out with military honors. That means a military cordon to escort the president through the building, the Capitol, out onto



DOD photo by PA1 John Gaffney, USCGR

the inaugural platform where the festivities occur. We have bands, color guards, joint honor guards. In this case, the “President’s Own” band, the Marine Band, played for the festivities on Capitol Hill.

As we transition from the Capitol, we also have a presidential escort comprised of honor platoons from each of the services that escort the president down Pennsylvania Avenue and back to the White House. As he’s being escorted down Pennsylvania Avenue, we have a street cordon on either side and it is made up of all five services; to show recognition of a new commander in chief, or in this case, a reaffirmation of our commander in chief.

Military ceremonial support also involves planning the inaugural parade. And, there’s a lot of planning that goes on with that, with all the way from horses and floats to bands from high schools from all over the country and colleges and whoever else may want to participate. The Presidential Inaugural Committee chooses the participants for the parade, but we help them with organizing it.

The other part is, after the festivities during the day we have the evening festivities, the balls and galas. The military again renders honors to the president as he comes into these balls and galas through bands, color guards and honor platoons. We have special project officers here that do the interface with the facilities, with the Presidential Inaugural Committee and any other organizing committee for locations where the president will be appearing and military honors will be presented. Lastly, we have military assistants that are provided to cabinet members and those with cabinet-level positions within our government. In this case, for any new members who have been nominated but not yet confirmed, we put a military assistant with them to help them get around town, make sure they make it to the points where they need to be, that they know where the entrances are, and so forth.



Photo by PA3 Beth Reynolds, USCGR

*Members of the Coast Guard Reserve contingent stand in formation awaiting the start of the Presidential Inaugural Parade.*



**The Coast Guard is extremely busy these days with a multitude of new homeland security missions in addition to its traditional ones. How do you feel about Coast Guard personnel being drawn away from operational missions to participate in the inauguration?**

That's a great question. The Coast Guard has many important missions, as do all of the other services. What about the folks that are in Iraq and Afghanistan? As well as our folks who are providing 24-hour coverage in the ports, that are out there doing container inspections, that are doing boardings at all hours of the day and night, that are standing the watch, whether it's in Hawaii or Alaska? We consider ourselves as their representatives to show the world how a democracy works. Even though there are important jobs to do, there are some [important jobs] right here we really must show, with the inauguration, not just to ourselves, but to the world. So, I consider this to be an important position and I think people throughout the Coast Guard will look to make sure the Coast Guard is represented well on TV, in front of the president. We're here to ensure that happens.

**One aspect of military ceremonial support for the inauguration is the recognition of civilian control of the military. Is that important?**

Absolutely. In our democracy, civilians are elected to government positions and we, the military, affirm that they are the ultimate boss and the president is the commander in chief. So, by us showing recognition at the inauguration and throughout the inaugural events, that is just the beginning of military support that will be given to the president all the way through his term.

**How do you feel about representing the members of the Coast Guard worldwide in this prestigious and high-visibility assignment?**



DOD photo by U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Cherie A. Thurlby

**LCDR Howard Wright goes over final preparations in the AFIC Command Center at the U.S. Capitol before the start of the swearing-in ceremony.**



Photo by PA3 Beth Reynolds, USCGR

***The President and Mrs. Bush dance at the Stars & Stripes Ball. The CG Band played "I Could Have Danced All Night."***

At first, when I was asked to come here, I thought, 'Oh my God, what do I know about parades and ceremonies and so forth?' So there was that skip of the heartbeat saying, 'what have I got myself into,' wanting to make sure the Coast Guard was well represented. I was a little taken aback because I haven't done those things. But then, when I started asking around, other people who had been in my position said the same thing, they had never done a ceremony, they had never been a part of something this big before. What I felt I had going for me, probably a little more than my predecessors, was that I've actually been in these joint commands and so I knew the lingo of the other services.

For me, on a personal basis, it was a great opportunity and I wanted to do nothing but showcase the Coast Guard. And, quite frequently, I was called upon to give a Coast Guard viewpoint.

Another aspect that I feel really should be told is that the Coast Guard stepped out ahead of every other service in providing the people that were requested and there have been absolutely zero issues with Coast Guard participation. Other services have other unique problems and sometimes they've been slow to provide personnel and that has not been an issue at all for the Coast Guard. It's been really wonderful to say the Coast Guard was on top of it.

**Is there anything you would like to add?**

For those reading this article, if they can keep it tucked in the back of their mind for three years, when the solicitation goes out for Coast Guard participation for the next inaugural, if they want to do it, they should apply. It's a wonderful experience, probably a once in a lifetime, once in career experience for a Coast Guard person. I would strongly suggest that everyone who would want to be a part of this makes sure they apply in three years when the message goes out. I wouldn't have missed this for the world. It was great.

***Ed's Note: Thanks to PA1 John Gaffney of AFIC for arranging this interview.***



*A 25-foot Safe Boat from Coast Guard Station Washington patrols the Potomac River on a very cold and snowy afternoon the day before the Inauguration of President Bush.*







*The 55<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration*

# NATIONAL SECURITY

FOR STATION WASHINGTON, D.C.  
PROTECTING THE NATION'S CAPITAL  
IS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK.

STORY BY PA2 JUDY SILVERSTEIN

PHOTOS BY PA3 BETH REYNOLDS



**A**s the coxswain maneuvers the familiar orange SAFE boat through the channels of the Potomac River, the early light of dawn casts a golden glow on the Lincoln Memorial.

It's a scene the watchful crews of Station Washington are used to seeing. From the tepid days of summer through the shorter, cooler days of winter, crews keep their expertly-trained eyes on familiar icons and the underbellies of bridges spanning the waters surrounding the nation's capital. Their superior training and seamanship were highly-sought commodities for the security-conscious planners of this year's Presidential Inauguration.

Ordinarily, Station Washington and its crew of 27 patrols 40 miles south of the Capital area. Nevertheless, during increased, or pulse operations, they concentrate heavily on the National Capital Region. BM2 Jim Ables maneuvers his vessel easily into the shore near the Pentagon. His watchful crew — two reservists, scan the shoreline from their perches.

"Reservists are absolutely critical to our missions," says BM1 Doug Bullock, an eight-year Coast Guard veteran. "They provide the skilled boat crews that allow us to keep up an uninterrupted 24-hour presence on the river."

Bullock thinks reservists add something else to the mix — a tincture of passion and experience.

"Their perspective in dealing with the general public is unique," said Bullock. "Plus, they are truly volunteers and generally have a very good attitude."

Morale at the unit is uncommonly high. Crammed into a 1,000-square-foot shack on Bolling Air Force Base, the Operations Board illustrates the operational tempo. On the left side are columns and notes delineating which members are boarding team member (BTM), boarding officer (BO), boat crew and weapons qualified. On the right side — crew availability, threat levels, case numbers, water temperature and sea state are tracked. Last year, crews saw a foot of ice on the Potomac.

"This river is really fun," said Bullock with a knowing and hoarse laugh. "When the river freezes, it's impenetrable...but when it's icy, our crews are flexible and can patrol on land."

Their focus is to track recreational and commercial vessels. Weekends stay busy year round but this past summer was unexpectedly hectic. With nearly 600 buildings and several thousand boats, a three-pronged tidal river can tax its crews. So when 12 reservists arrived, they were welcomed openly.

The station is crewed by senior enlisted members and a handful of non-rates. The door opens as the dark sky blankets a damp Bolling AFB. Crewmembers assemble Kevlar, ammunition and the standard law enforcement belt. It is pretty quiet though the mood seems jovial.

One reservist, Alessio Faccin, is working on some paperwork. A police officer in his native Belluno, a town near Venice, Faccin has a criminal justice degree. A recent American citizen, Faccin looked forward to voting in his first American election, this past November. With nearly two years of Title 10 recall under his belt, he logged in work at several locations in 2004, anxious to establish himself with the pace Station Washington offered.

"This unit has an extremely high OP tempo," said Station Commanding Officer LT Frank Del Rosso. "Even when we are not conducting pulse/surge ops, we average between six-eight hours underway. Other federal agencies rely heavily on our people and platform. We conduct joint operations with the United States Secret Service and Department of Energy on an almost daily basis." Now that list has expanded to include Inaugural security.



***LTJG Christopher White, Station Washington Executive Officer, mans the bow while docking the 25-foot Safe Boat during a patrol in preparation for the Presidential Inauguration.***

Del Rosso says the addition of reservists is critical to his unit's high performance. However, he credits careful selection of members with high motivation.

"Having reservists that are flexible and considered high speed and low friction are a must," he said. "Most of the reservists that have worked alongside us have been like Petty Officer Faccin. He reported onboard, received an operational brief, a quick check of his qualifications was conducted, he was given some area familiarization trips, provided with a unit ball cap, and was underway in less than twelve hours."

A dizzying pace for most, but situation normal for this crew.

The morning crews gear up and head silently for their boats. Blonde-haired Shannon Hardester, 27, arrived last summer following stints in Portsmouth, Va. and Wilmington, N.C. A student in her civilian life; she says she is glad to be serving in D.C.

"I love being on the water," she said.

Hardester who is both BTM and crewmember trained has been ticking off qualifications to become a coxswain. She too adjusted quickly to the high tempo of operations at Station Washington. In only nine days, she and 11 other reservists went through the paces to get up to speed. From a range visit in Havre de Grace, Md. to a safety stand down, Hardester says



it was a whirlwind.

"Twelve of us had 24 hours to get to D.C., but you do what you gotta do," she said, matter-of-factly.

Her fellow crewmembers stay alert at this early hour. MK1 Douglas Thomason, a 20-year reservist, and a Virginia marine patrol officer, visually scans the shoreline as the sun rises over the monuments and government buildings staying alert and sharp.

"My jobs are very similar and that tends to help out," he said.

It is "oh-dark-thirty" and things are quiet as the dappled sky offers a break from last night's incessant, hard rain that soaked the Capital region. We glide under the Fourteenth Street bridge complex as the crew checks every possible nook and cranny.

The river is quiet though a few rowers and boaters are out on this weekday morning. The noise of the D.C. morning commute roars overhead as we cross under the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge. With scores of monuments and memorials and approximately 200 miles of shoreline, the SAFE boat is the perfect platform for Station Washington crews, says Del Rosso.

"We enforce a lot of security and safety zones and there is no better platform than the response boat to conduct these types of missions," said Del Rosso. "The response boat is the perfect platform for operating within the National Capital Region, because it is extremely maneuverable at high speeds and most importantly we can get anywhere within just a few moments."

The waterborne unit is armed with 9-mm pistols, M-16 rifles and 12-gauge shotguns. The crew is prepared for just about anything, especially in an election and inaugural year, although the unit's overall mission is to improve waterborne security in the nation's capitol.

"The immediate and positive impact Station D.C. has made within the nation's capital has been nothing short of amazing," said Del Rosso. "In less than one year, the unit has conducted

over 750 RBS boarding's, safely prosecuted 40 Search and Rescue cases, and has worked alongside the USSS (Secret Service) providing more than 175 hours to presidential protection.

Del Rosso says complete integration with reserve, active and auxiliary components is a recipe for success.

"I've worked with reservists my entire career and understanding their challenges is part of the successful equation," said Del Rosso. Sometimes, the unit schedules joint operations with other agencies because of their high skill level and waterborne capabilities.

"Without divulging tasking and plans, I can assure you that whatever the operation demands, the men and women of Station Washington, D.C will be ready to stand the watch," he said.

Given their grueling schedules, high morale is a necessary component of their success. Though crews are cramped for space in the station building, morale is unusually high, says Del Rosso, 37. He attributes it to the seniority of the staff, their commitment level and access to an array of facilities, giving high praise to the Bolling Air Force Base command who he says offers unmitigated support to the Coast Guard. There are softball games and picnics, though crews work every holiday.

"The crew makes personal sacrifices to be in a unit like this," said Del Rosso, proudly pointing to the diversified talent and extraordinary teamwork his crew displays.

"We have a good flag football team...we smoked the Army team," he said, with a wide smile.

"This is the most cohesive unit I've been in," says Hardester, echoing his sentiments.

"We're skilled and we're available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Del Rosso. "This is definitely the busiest place I have ever worked...our focus is homeland security in the national capital region. We never stop, but it's a great job."



## In Brief

## • PS CORRESPONDENCE COURSES —

The new port security specialist (PS) correspondence courses for PS1, PS2, PS3 are available from the Coast Guard Institute. Course numbers are: PS1, 0168 Edition 1; PS2, 0268 Edition 1; PS3, 0368 Edition 1. Reservists planning to take the October 2005 Reserve Service Wide Exam will be required to complete the appropriate courses by June 30, 2005. Check with your Educational Services Officer to order. CG Institute Web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/index.html>



## • SAIL ABOARD CGC EAGLE IN 2005 —

The *CGC Eagle* will sail on its annual cadet training cruise from May 9 to Sept. 9, 2005. *Eagle's* primary mission during this deployment is to train future Coast Guard officers at sea. Volunteers are needed in the following ratings to augment the ship's permanent crew: BM, DC, FS, HS, IT, MK, PA.



Additionally, one CPO is needed to serve as Master At Arms. Active Duty or Reserve personnel (male or female) may apply for all or any portions of this deployment. However, preference is given to those qualified personnel who volunteer for longer periods. To sail on America's Tall Ship is a memorable experience and an opportunity to help shape and train the future leaders of our Coast Guard. Interested PACAREA personnel should contact YN1 Annable at 510-437-3517; interested LANTAREA personnel should contact CWO Hargrove at 757-628-4496. An alternate application method is to access the following CG Web site and submit a TDY application form; be sure to include *CGC Eagle* in the "Unit Applying for" block and be sure to include the endorsement of your Commanding Officer: <http://webapps.mlca.uscg.mil/pdiv/forceops/volunteers/default.cfm>

## • SUMMERSTOCK 2005 —

It's time to plan ahead for 2005! Summerstock is an excellent opportunity for fully qualified boat crew members to work at Coast Guard stations on the Great Lakes. It's also ideal for students and teachers seeking full-time summer employment.

Summerstock point of contact is YN1 Patricia Feeney, D9(osr) at 216-902-6116; Fax: 216-902-6121; E-mail: [pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil](mailto:pfeeney@d9.uscg.mil) Also check the Summerstock intranet site (accessible from CG SWS only): <http://cgweb.lant.uscg.mil/d9/o/osr/summerstock.htm>



## • WEEKEND ASSISTANCE FOR RESERVISTS AT PSC —

Reservists at PSC are now "answering the call" one weekend a month to assist and answer questions from reservists nationwide! The weekend schedule for FY 2005 is as follows: Feb. 26-27, March 19-20, April 16-17, May 21-22, June 11-12, July 16-17, Aug. 20-21, Sept. 17-18. Contact PSC at 1-866-772-8724 or 785-339-2200; E-mail: [psccustomer@hrsic.uscg.mil](mailto:psccustomer@hrsic.uscg.mil); Web: [www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/)

## • TAX SEASON DUPLICATE W-2 —

Tax season is upon us again, so here's a quick reminder from the Personnel Service Center (PSC). The address (Block 22) on your Leave and Earnings Statement is where your W-2 was mailed. If incorrect, you may request a duplicate 2004 W-2 after Feb. 15, 2005. Questions can be directed to PSC's help line at 1-866-PSC-USCG (772-8724).

## • SELECTED RESERVE DIRECT

**COMMISSION (SRDC) —** Applications due at Coast Guard Recruiting Command, April 1, 2005 (selection board convenes May 2, 2005), see ALCGRECRUITING 010/04 for more info. Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI) courses convene May 7, 2005, and Aug. 13, 2005. For more info, see ALCGRECRUITING 010/04 (R 201424Z AUG 04).

## • SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

**MODIFICATIONS —** The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005 (Public Law 108-375) was signed into law Oct. 28, 2004, and provides for the following Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) modifications. The Social Security offset to the SBP annuity that was applied at age 62 will be phased out in five percent increments over a three-year period, so that in 2008 the annuity will remain at 55 percent of a deceased retiree's retired pay base when a beneficiary reaches 62 years of age. A one-year open enrollment period of SBP (active and reserve component) to take advantage of the SBP annuity modification will commence Oct. 1, 2005. Retirees who elect SBP participation during the open season will be required to pay back premiums plus interest from the date they were first eligible to participate in SBP. For retirees who had previously elected supplemental SBP (SSBP) coverage, premium charges are discontinued effective Oct. 1, 2004.

**• CGR MERCHANDISE —** The Coast Guard Exchange System continues to offer CGR items available including key chains, hats, window decals, patches and window strips. To view these items, see Vol. 51, Issue 8 or 9. To order, call CGES Special Orders, 1-800-242-9157 (ask for Kathy) or e-mail: [kbecka@cg-exchange.com](mailto:kbecka@cg-exchange.com)

**• MILITARY PAY RAISE —** The National Defense Authorization Act Pay raise for military personnel for 2005 is 3.5 percent. To view 2005 charts, go to PSC's Web site at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/> (under "Latest Rates/Benefits").



# Upcoming Events

## THROUGHOUT 2005...

• **WORLD WAR II 60TH ANNIVERSARY** — Throughout 2005, the World War II Commemorative Committee will be running events nationwide to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the final year of the war (1945). To view events, check the Web site: [www.60wwii.mil](http://www.60wwii.mil) and/or contact LCDR Jack Dunphy, DoD WWII Commemoration Committee, RPN, Suite 5413, 1777 N. Kent St., Arlington, VA 22209, 703-588-8598; [jack.dunphy@hqda.army.mil](mailto:jack.dunphy@hqda.army.mil)

## MARCH 2005

• **CAPT DOROTHY STRATTON'S 106TH BIRTHDAY** — You read that right! The first Director of the SPARs (Coast Guard Women's Reserve) will celebrate her 106th birthday on March 24, 2005! To ensure privacy, please send birthday greetings to: CAPT Dorothy Stratton, c/o CAPT Jeanne Gleason, 5405-C Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015-2705. You may also send her an e-birthday greeting (type "Happy Birthday" in Subject Line) to: [edoak@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:edoak@comdt.uscg.mil)

## APRIL 2005

- **DUAL RETIREMENT CEREMONY** — Sunday, April 3, 2005, 1 p.m. at Coast Guard Group Fort Macon, Atlantic Beach, N.C. for CWO4 Claude S. McIntosh, USCGR (26 years service), and SK1 Robert E. Walker, USCGR (30 years). Both served on active duty during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. For more info, contact CWO2 Rick Hooper, CG Group Fort Macon Supply Dept., Phone: 252-247-4559; E-mail: [rhooper@gruftmacon.uscg.mil](mailto:rhooper@gruftmacon.uscg.mil)
- **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE** — The 2005 campaign kicks off April 1 and runs through April 30. Reservists will be contacted during the campaign. However, contributions can be made at any time. For info, call 1-800-881-2462; Web: [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)
- **CGC MACKINAW (WLBB 30) LAUNCHING** — Saturday, April 2, Great Lakes Icebreaker Project (GLIP), Manitowoc Marine Group, Marinette, Wis., 715-735-4149. Web: [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-a/awl/bclass/](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-a/awl/bclass/)
- **CWOA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** — April 7-9, St. Louis, Mo. Contact CWO4 Bob Lewis, USCG(Ret.), CWOA, c/o James Creek Marina, 200 V Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024; 1-800-792-8447 or 202-554-7753; [cwoauscg@aol.com](mailto:cwoauscg@aol.com) Web: [www.cwoauscg.org](http://www.cwoauscg.org)
- **ADMIRALS CUP FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNEY** — April 8-9, Northborough, Mass. Interested Team CG members welcome to participate but tourney limited to 12 teams, deadline March 18. Contact Paul Dreary, 14 Hill Road, Thompson, CT 06277, [hockeyman@myexcel.com](mailto:hockeyman@myexcel.com) See ALCOAST 036/05.

## MAY 2005

• **COAST GUARD INNOVATION EXPO** — May 3-5, Santa Clara, Calif. For info on Web: [www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org) (under "Meetings and Event") or contact CDR Jay Hawthorne, 202-267-2771, [jhawthorne@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:jhawthorne@comdt.uscg.mil)

## JUNE 2005

- **COAST GUARD INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** — June 1-4, Barton Creek Resort, Austin, Texas. Deadline is Feb. 25, 2005. All levels of golfers welcomed! Bring a friend and make it a vacation. See COMDTNOTE 1710 for details or contact Dr. Mike Parnarouskis, 703-368-7049, [mikep1121@comcast.net](mailto:mikep1121@comcast.net); Mr. Tom Taylor, 202-267-2991, [ttaylor@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:ttaylor@comdt.uscg.mil); or LCDR Casey White, 202-267-6065, [cjwhite@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:cjwhite@comdt.uscg.mil). Barton Creek Resort Web site: [www.bartoncreek.com](http://www.bartoncreek.com)
- **NATIONAL FLAG DAY CELEBRATION** — Sunday, June 12, Waubeka, Wis. (30 miles north of Milwaukee). Come celebrate at the birthplace of Flag Day. Program, 12:30 p.m.; parade 1:30 p.m.; Program at Stone Hill School, 3 p.m.; Family day to follow including fireworks. Web: [www.nationalflagday.com](http://www.nationalflagday.com)
- **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY** — The 65th birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is Wednesday, June 23. Auxiliary Web site: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

## JULY 2005

- **ROA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — July 27-30, New York City, Times Square, Marriott Marquis. Contact Reserve Officers Association, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, DC 20002; 202-479-2200; Web: [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org)
- **COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — July 29-Aug. 7, Grand Haven, Mich. For info, contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, 113 N. Second St., Grand Haven, MI 49417; Phone: 1-888-207-2434; Web: [www.ghcgfest.org](http://www.ghcgfest.org)

## AUGUST 2005

- **COAST GUARD DAY 2005** — Is Thursday, Aug. 4! What is your unit planning to commemorate the Coast Guard's 215th birthday? SEPTEMBER 2005
- **CPOA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — 37th annual, Sept. 12-15, St. Louis, Mo. Contact CPO Association, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009; 703-941-0395; [cgcpoa@aol.com](mailto:cgcpoa@aol.com) Web: [www.uscgcpoa.org](http://www.uscgcpoa.org)

# Reunions

## APRIL 2005

- **USCG PONCE TRAINING CENTER GET-TOGETHER** — Coast Guard personnel stationed in St. Augustine, Fla. during WWII, 16th reunion at Alhambra Inn, April 19-21, 2005. Call 1-800-223-4153 for reservations (\$59 double occupancy).
- **OWENSBORO UNIT REUNION 2005** — Saturday, April 23, 1 p.m. Central time, at the Oakridge Park Campgrounds, one-half mile west of Rockport, Ind. From I-64 or 164 go east toward Rockport on Highway 66, turn left, or north on Silverdale Road. For more info, contact Bill Symon, (812) 649-2721 or (812) 686-2082, Les Allen, Cell, (502) 552-0687, Don Kuster, (812) 327-4749, or Gene Radin, (859) 885-1236 cell (859) 552-7606, e-mail: [gpradin@juno.com](mailto:gpradin@juno.com)

## MAY 2005

- **CGC CAMPBELL ASSOC. W-32 & W-909** — 20th annual reunion, May 15-19, 2005, at Savannah Marriott Riverfront, Ga. Contact Gordon Bell, President, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446; Phone: 215-393-6195; E-mail: [CaptBell@comcast.net](mailto:CaptBell@comcast.net) or Jim Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382; Phone: 860-

848-1160; [jkelly3@earthlink.net](mailto:jkelly3@earthlink.net). See Web site for details and reservations: [www.campbellw32w909.org](http://www.campbellw32w909.org)

- **USCG 255 SAILORS REUNION IV** — For all thirteen 255-foot Coast Guard class cutters, May 15-18, Las Vegas, Nev. at Plaza Hotel/Casino. Contact: RMC Doak Walker, Reunion Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803; (907) 789-2579; FAX: (907) 789-2780; [doak17@gei.net](mailto:doak17@gei.net)

## JUNE 2005

- **CGC EASTWIND (WAGB 279)** — June 10-12, 2005, Portland, Maine. Contact: Lee Grant, 603-447-6040; [junelee.1@juno.com](mailto:junelee.1@juno.com) or Al Brier, 508-945-3729.
- **COAST GUARD SPECIAL AGENTS** — Former Coast Guard Intelligence/Investigations Special Agents seeking to have first-ever reunion of special agents, intelligence, District/Area Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) personnel. Active duty and Reserve CGIS special agents, intelligence and OLE personnel all invited. Tentatively set for May 2005 in Branson, Mo. Interested Coast Guard personnel should contact Mr. Bruce Sheils (retired CGI special agent) at [bruanhm@webtv.net](mailto:bruanhm@webtv.net)

## The L.P.

By PA3 David "Walks-As-Bear" Davis

*L.P.* (Listening Post) is a fictitious story about the 2003 invasion of Iraq. At the war's beginning, near the outskirts of Baghdad — an undermanned infantry squad and two young women are caught with legions of the Iraqi Republican Guard all around them. Death could come swiftly for the American soldiers assigned to the listening post. Do they fight, hide or surrender? Sgt. Parker is the man in charge and he can't let any of those things happen. Because the L.P. has heard something sinister and no matter what the cost...it must be told.

Davis is a Shawnee Indian and author of several other books including his critically acclaimed first novel, *The Murmurings*. He has served in the Coast Guard Reserve over 20 years. *L.P.*, published in 2004, is 245 pages and printed in paperback. It is available at [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com), through Ingram, Baker & Taylor, and BN.com, as well as book retailers. ISBN 1-4137-2234-2, \$19.95. Davis can be reached via e-mail at: [walks-as-bear@t-one.net](mailto:walks-as-bear@t-one.net) Davis' Web site: [www.thewildlandpress.com](http://www.thewildlandpress.com)



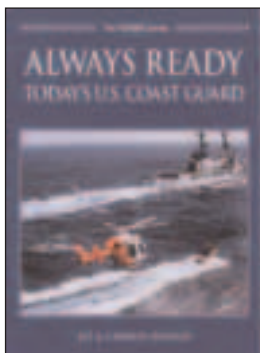
## Always Ready: Today's U.S. Coast Guard

By Kit & Carolyn Bonner

*Always Ready, Today's U.S. Coast Guard* is a good overview of our service. From search and rescue to drug and migrant interdiction, the USCG has served proudly since 1790. From the days of the Civil War to today's role in homeland defense, this book chronicles the evolution of the Coast Guard, covering the organization and history, maritime safety and security, vessels, patrol, utility boats, aircraft and more. The book's introduction is written by Coast Guard Commandant ADM Thomas Collins. Authors Kit and Carolyn Bonner say

they "truly enjoyed writing this book and gained a whole new respect for the Coast Guard and all that it does for our nation. This was one of our proudest moments — to feature a group of men and women who do not receive the recognition they truly deserve. We hope that "Always Ready" will help to remedy this."

The book is an 8 by 8 3/4-inch paperback, 128 pages, with 70 color and 30 black and white photos, ISBN 0-7603-1727-5, \$17.95. Available through MBI Publishing Company, and in bookstores everywhere, through Classic Motorbooks at 1-800-826-6600 or [www.motorbooks.com](http://www.motorbooks.com). The Bonners can be reached via e-mail at: [kbonner@jps.net](mailto:kbonner@jps.net)

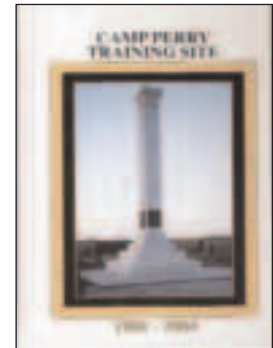


## Camp Perry Training Site: 1904-2004

By Anna L. Bovia, Dennis E. and Joyce A. St. Clair

This book was published as a centennial history of this training site, located along the northern shore of Lake Erie an 70 miles west of Cleveland. Of the 196 pages, 23 are devoted to the Coast Guard's port security unit history, including the Port Security Training Detachment that was based here in the early 1990s. The TRADET history is written by CDR Robert Stohlmann. Camp Perry is currently the home of PSU 309. Port security units trained here in 1990 before shipping out for the Middle East during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Printed by Leshner Printers, Inc., 810 N. Wilson Avenue, Fremont, OH 43420. Anna Bovia is the Camp Perry historian. She can be reached by writing P.O. Box 225, La Carne, OH 43439



## Lucky Lady

By Russell Stickney with Guy Bates

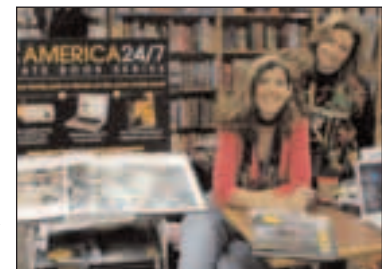
*Lucky Lady* is a true story about an old sea-going oil tanker during World War II. The story unfolds in the form of the ship's log and incidents are based on actual events. Over the two years the story takes place, the tanker experienced several unusual occurrences that could truly classify her as a Lucky Lady. Author Stickney was an ensign during World War II, and served in the Reserve after the war, rising to the rank of commander. He was in the St. Louis Reserve Unit.

The book is 274 pages, paperback, published by Red Ink Publishing Services, Phoenix, Ariz., 2004, ISBN 0-9679472-2-7. If interested in a copy, send a check for \$17.50 to CDR Russell H. Stickney, #1 McKnight Place, Apt. 254, St. Louis, MO 62124.



## Florida 24/7...

PA3 Beth Reynolds, seated, pauses at a book signing for the book, *Florida 24/7* at Borders book store in Tampa, Fla. Dec. 4. Reynolds was one of the book's contributing photographers — three of her images were published. The book is part of the *America 24/7* series. Standing behind Reynolds is PA2 Judy Silverstein, USCGR. Photo courtesy PA3 Beth Reynolds, USCGR



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## USCG FILMS



This 45-minute film produced by the U.S. Coast Guard, directed by LCDR Bill Travis, USCGR, and narrated by Mr. James Earl Jones, tells the story of the often overlooked heroes of the Pea Island Life Saving Station and their role in the rescue of the crew of *E.S. Newman*.

## CITIZEN - SAILOR

After a brief hiatus, *Citizen-Sailor of the Month* returns with this month's honoree:

### IT1 Jay Feimster, Web Designer

IT1 Jay Feimster has been a Reserve communications and security instructor for the Special Missions Training Center (SMTC) in

Camp Lejeune, N.C. since 2000. Feimster was recalled to active duty after Sept. 11th to be an instructor for PSUs, MSSTs and various deployment teams. During his off-duty time, he kept his hand in his web designing civilian career,

and created the official Web site for Emily Proctor, the lead female actress on *CSI: Miami*.

"The web design company is

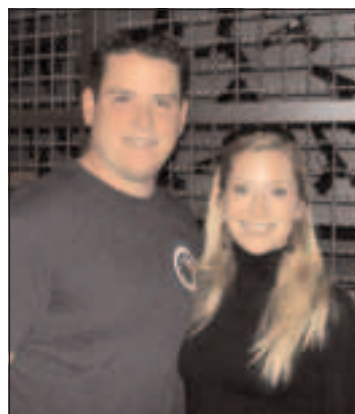
run by my brother and me and it is called Design Brothers Web Technologies," said Feimster.

According to an article in the

*Charlotte Observer*, Proctor has been incredibly happy with the design of the Web site. Feimster says Proctor's only instructions were to "make the site look elegant." He is now working as a Security Consultant for Security Management Consulting in Raleigh, N.C. With this company, he conducts corporate

and government security consulting worldwide. Feimsters' Web site is:

[www.designbrothers.com](http://www.designbrothers.com)



**IT1 Jay Feimster and Emily Proctor of C.S.I.: Miami.**

## LICENSE PLATE

*Ed's note: Plate of the Month is back! First started in 1998, it was discontinued a couple of years ago. But readers liked it and requested it be restarted. If you have an interesting plate, send it in!*

### Presidential Inaugural

Jan. 20 was the 55th Presidential Inaugural and we salute the commander in chief on his second term as well as MCPO Linda Reid, shown here also for a "second term." (see January 2001 issue "License Plate of the Month) holding official plates from the 1989, 1993 and 2005 Inaugurations. Reid has worked on the Presidential Inauguration in 1985 (Reagan), 1989 (Bush 41), 1993 (Clinton) and now, 2005 (Bush 43). This year, she was part of the Reserve marching unit in the Inaugural parade. During previous inaugurations, she has coordinated the Coast Guard's participation each time serving as a liaison among the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC), Coast Guard Headquarters, and all participating USCG units including those from Cape May, Yorktown, the D.C. Metro area, and the Coast Guard Academy. "Working on the Inaugurals has been interesting and I enjoyed working with all the services," said Reid, a reservist since 1975 whose husband, Clyde, is a retired Coast Guard Reservist.

Reid says support for the Inauguration is divided into three sections: AFIC, which organizes the military's participation, the Presidential Inaugural Committee, which arranges parties and festivities, and the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, responsible for the swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol.

The Presidential Inaugural Committee has been making the special Inaugural plates since FDR's first Inaugural in 1933. When Reid bought hers, they cost between \$40 and \$50.

"They're produced every four years as a fundraiser to pay for Inaugural costs," said Reid. "You can keep them on your vehicle through the end of March following the Inauguration."

Reid is Director of Sea Partners at Coast Guard Headquarters. You can reach her at 202-267-6891 or via e-mail: [lreid@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:lreid@comdt.uscg.mil). For more info on AFIC, see their Web site at: [www.afic.army.mil/](http://www.afic.army.mil/). To see what Presidential Inaugural plates have looked like over the years, visit: <http://www.worldlicenseplates.com> (under "America's", USA, then Inaugural)



# Advancements

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## BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BM1 C HARTLEY  
BM1 D UNDERHIL  
BM1 T BARTON  
BM1 R MAYER  
BM1 N BRAY  
BM1 M FREEMAN  
BM1 J MARTINEZ  
BM3 M LOWE  
BM3 K VIELE

## FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST(FS)

FSC S SPIVEY  
FSC M SCHUSTER

## GUNNERS MATE(GM)

GM1 J MEERSCHKE  
GM2 T GOFORTH

## MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MKCS E BEAL  
MK1 M SEGUIN  
MK1 R HODGES  
MK1 T HENDERSO  
MK2 S FORTIN  
MK2 E ANG CAYA  
MK2 D HENDERSON  
MK2 B GOUGE  
MK2 C CRUZ  
MK2 C SANFILIP  
MK2 S DICHTEL

## MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MST1 G MORRIS  
MST1 J BOBO  
MST1 D AGOSTINO  
MST1 D GUYTON  
MST2 B MERCADO  
MST2 D CREAGER

## OPERATIONS SPECIALIST(OS)

OSCS S HUTCHERS  
OSCS J GRAVISS

## YEOMAN(YN)

YN2 K OCONNELL  
YN2 M DARNELL

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## BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BMCM K ROCHE  
BMCM J CANNON  
BMCS J DEAL  
BMCS W HAVEN  
BMCS A REYES  
BMCS G KMETTY  
BMC R WAGGENER  
BMC P GARGAGLI  
BMC B BABB  
BMC J SOUTHERL  
BMC M STONE  
BMC R LOCKEY  
BMC J SNYDER  
BMC J GRIBBLE  
BMC A FERGUSON  
BMC M HINGA  
BMC B WEST  
BMC W COLE  
BMC J DANAHER  
BMC L HAYMON  
BMC W EDSON  
BMC R HORN  
BMC R MEEK  
BMC A SYSKA  
BMC M BOIVIN  
BMC K KEZDI  
BMC T CAMPBELL  
BMC R ASHBY  
BMC B KECK  
BMC A MATTHEWS  
BMC E HIGHTOWE  
BMC H MARSHALL  
BMC W HAYS  
BMC G POEN  
BMC D DILLINGH  
BMC J MENDICIN  
BMC S ARNDT  
BMC R BREAKER  
BMC R HENSEL  
BMC L REYNOLDS  
BMC A WINSTEAD

## FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST(FS)

FSC J TANK  
FSC E DUFFY  
FS1 R BRIM  
FS1 T PALPALLA  
FS1 J TEDFORD  
FS1 D KING

## HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN(HS)

HSC C CARTER 1086196  
007213

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN(IT)

ITCM J MCBRIDE

## INVESTIGATOR(IV)

IV2 B VOGEL  
IV2 D ARMENTOR  
IV2 D LEGAULT  
IV2 O GUINART  
IV2 J OMALLEY  
IV2 P MCCANN  
IV2 S CAPUTO

## MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MKCM J BENNING  
MKCM P HUTTON  
MKCS S HUFF  
MKCS J WOLF  
MKC K WETZSTEI  
MKC S WATSON  
MKC C HENCKLER  
MK1 C YOUNKERS  
MK1 C MATTHEWS  
MK1 T YOTKA  
MK1 J CASAS

## MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MSTCM M DISTEFAN

## OPERATIONS SPECIALIST(OS)

OS1 C MINGUS  
OS1 E DEWALD  
OS1 D PALMER  
OS1 H BARRERA  
OS1 M REED  
OS1 S SIBOLD



*RADM Robert J. Papp, D9 Commander, left, reads aloud the advancements of three senior chiefs to master chiefs for the Ninth District Staff in Cleveland Jan. 3. From left to right: RADM Papp, Reserve Public Affairs Master Chief Frank Jennings, Operational Specialist Master Chief Dan Lawler, and Reserve Machinery Technician Master Chief Joseph Benning.*

OS1 J MELTON  
OS1 G GUZMAN  
OS1 T WONG  
OS1 D ROGERS  
OS1 J HOUSE  
OS1 T WITHROW  
OS1 H WONG  
OS1 G TESTERMA  
OS1 T MILLS  
OS1 O DELGADO  
OS1 A OLSEN  
OS1 Y TIRADO  
OS1 B BROCKMUE  
OS1 D HOOPER  
OS1 M BURNS  
OS1 K TOBITSCH  
OS1 S ULSENHEI  
OS1 J MORRIS  
OS1 C MONTEZ

PS1 D COLLEGE  
PS1 K ZWIKER  
PS1 C WEAVER  
PS1 R KOCH  
PS1 J WILSON  
PS1 D WELSH  
PS1 D SCHACHER  
PS1 B JONES  
PS1 R OREILLY  
PS1 J VAHLE  
PS1 T FAULKS  
PS1 Z FRALICK  
PS1 J RENO  
PS1 M NEILSON  
PS1 M MCCLURE  
PS1 C FREDERIC  
PS1 R GUERRERO  
PS1 M CORNWELL  
PS1 A UBALDI  
PS1 J VELLOZZI  
PS1 S VANNOTE  
PS1 M WILSON  
PS1 S BARRY  
PS1 C DIXON  
PS1 M WELLS  
PS1 M MIRSCH  
PS1 G EMILE  
PS2 J MCKNIGHT  
PS2 G DRURY  
PS2 W GUY  
PS2 S HUTSON  
PS2 M GORMAN  
PS2 R SALTER  
PS2 J NAVARRO  
PS2 L BOYENGER  
PS2 J POINTS  
PS2 C BENNETT  
PS2 M SMITH  
PS2 M SAMPSON  
PS2 K BENRAJAB  
PS2 K WALKER  
PS2 J WETHERIN  
PS2 J COFRANCE  
PS2 J NEW  
PS2 J DYER  
PS2 R WARD  
PS2 E RASK  
PS2 K HOUGHTON  
PS2 J PACHECO  
PS2 P FLOURNOY  
PS2 T THURBER  
PS2 A CLEMENT  
PS2 H IBBOTSON

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST(PA)

PACM F JENNINGS  
PACS P CAPELOTTI

## PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST(PS)

PSC R FORD  
PSC T CHERRY  
PS1 W MCAULIFF  
PS1 V THOMSEN  
PS1 C ELG  
PS1 K HARMON  
PS1 R CARTER  
PS1 T WOODARD  
PS1 B DOEL  
PS1 W DUCK  
PS1 T THOMPSON  
PS1 A STEFFES  
PS1 J SPORL  
PS1 E GONZALEZ  
PS1 S MCLAUGHL  
PS1 W DELONG  
PS1 M LOHSEMIR  
PS1 M ARNOLD  
PS1 B PUTNAM  
PS1 G PAGE  
PS1 C GONZALEZ  
PS1 C LAU  
PS1 E GONZALEZ  
PS1 J RICHARDS  
PS1 K NAIL

PS2 T STENGER  
PS2 D SWITZER  
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PS2 M VANN  
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PS2 T WILLIAMS  
PS2 C MURRAY  
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PS2 D SILEN  
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PS2 J ELKINS  
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PS2 S BOYLE



*Coast Guard Reservist Ann Tubbs, center, was pinned Master Chief Petty Officer by MCPOCG Frank Welch, left, and her husband, CWO3 Bill Tubbs, right, Dec. 30, 2004, at CGHQ.*



## Advancements (cont.)

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PS2 D ICHIMURA  
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PS2 J BRUNELLE  
PS2 R MEDEIROS  
PS2 R OTTWAY  
PS2 J DIXON  
PS2 A SCIARA  
PS2 F TAN  
PS2 A HERNANDE  
PS2 M MORENO  
PS2 J HARWELL  
PS2 C JOHNSON  
PS2 B WULFERT  
PS2 T BURTON  
PS2 H SERRANO

PS2 R WEST  
PS2 B PETERS  
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PS2 A KELLY  
PS2 D MURRIA  
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PS2 N HERBERT  
PS2 J CARTY  
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PS2 J WALTERS  
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PS2 F GODWIN  
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PS2 K ALLISON  
PS2 T HARRISON  
PS2 J CURTIS  
PS2 J HAUANIO  
PS2 C PUPO  
PS2 M POWERS  
PS2 J DALE  
PS2 M VELA  
PS2 B SMITH  
PS2 T WILLIS  
PS2 O FIGUEROA  
PS2 B WATSON  
PS2 J NAKAMURA  
PS2 J ABADIA

PS2 K LENZ

**STOREKEEPER(SK)**  
SKC L GLYNN

**YEOMAN(YN)**  
YNCM A TUBBS  
YNCM R MCDONALD  
YNCS S SENNOTT

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## Retirements

### RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

#### JULY 2004

ET2 Lawrence W. Johnston

#### DECEMBER 2004

CAPT Michael T. Bohlman, D5  
CAPT Lynn H. DeGrow, D9  
CDR Jack E. Call, D5  
LCDR James G. Pycha, PSC  
LT Allen R. Miller, D5  
CWO4 Stephen A. Niedbala, D7  
YNCM Sandra H. Villegas, CGPC  
MKCS William T. James, D5  
OSCS Nicholas J. Liebel, PSC  
BMC Charles E. Morton, D1  
MKC Charles E. Davis, D5  
PAC Tommy C. Clark, D11  
PSC Bernard Hamilton, D1  
PSC Paul E. Mosher,  
MLCPAC  
YNC Susan A. Hanlon,  
MLCLANT  
BM1 Thomas J. Welch,  
MLCLANT  
DC1 Joseph L. Ross, Gulf  
Strike Team  
EM1 Otto P. Schlicht, ELC  
ET1 David G. Evers, D11  
ET1 John A. Sample, D8  
MK1 Henry P. Serafini, D1  
MK1 Everett R. Tuten,  
LANTAREA  
MK1 Thomas J. Wayland, D8  
PS1 Larry G. Lynn, D8  
PS1 Tyrone P. Sheffey, D13  
YN1 Melva J. Harris, D1  
YN1 Robert D. Stauffer, D8  
BM2 James F. Hurlbut, D7  
BM2 Vincent P. Staley, D5  
MK2 Alton M. Compasso, D11  
MK2 Wayne K. Whalen, D5  
SK2 Jeffrey H. Ring, D11  
BM3 Earl J. Allen, D7

### JANUARY 2005

CDR Wayne F. Green  
CDR George K. Kantz  
LCDR Steve K. Eaton  
LCDR Leo P. Kelley  
LCDR Judith B. Kramer  
CWO3 Frederick C. DeMarco  
PSCM Roger L. Christian  
OSC Donald T. Eberhardt  
BMC Frederick G. Allums  
BMC Gerhardt J. Bublit  
BMC Kenneth B. Whitehurst  
MKC David L. Marshall  
MKC Robert F. Wanser  
PSC Jack C. Merrill  
SKC Richard A. Dickinson  
BM1 Wayne W. Wertz  
EM1 Robert L. Anderson  
ET1 Frank J. Navecky  
ET1 Randolph L. Salmans



*BM1 Tom Welch, left, recently retired and was honored by shipmates, including CDR Glenn Cekus of MSO Chicago, right. Welch served over 30 years and was attached to former Coast Guard Reserve Units at Wilmette, Forest Park, Chicago, and Great Lakes, Ill. He served in the Persian Gulf in 2001 following the USS Cole incident, and from 1998-2002, was assigned to PSU 309. He was also very active with the Sea Partners Program, working beach cleanups, boat shows, and the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich.*

MK1 Carl C. Gowler  
MST1 Magdalene C. Gatling  
MST1 Walter R. Wagner  
MST1 Larry W. Warren  
PS1 Charles A. Adams  
PS1 Richard C. Baker  
BM2 Robert S. Phillips  
BM2 John M. Welch  
FS3 Robert F. Gould

### RET-2 (Retired Awaiting Pay)

#### NOVEMBER 2004

CDR Steven D. Tarantino, D1

#### DECEMBER 2004

CDR Wilfred M. Hudson, D13  
CWO4 Joseph A. Enginger, D8  
HSC Enrique Dominguez, D8  
MKC John R. Thompson, D1  
MSTC Salvador P. Delgado, D8  
PSC Ernest L. Uebersax, CG Yard  
YNC Nancy D. Knuth, D5  
OS1 Evelyn P. Rawls, D7  
BM2 John D. Stevens, D1

#### JANUARY 2005

CAPT Ray T. Burke, CGPC  
CAPT Maureen B. Harkins, D9  
CAPT Mark E. Libby, MLCPAC  
CAPT Mellisande Woerner, CGPC  
CDR Ralph R. Hogan, CGPC  
CDR Terry J. Weeks, CGPC  
LT Ronald S. Jurain, CGPC  
CWO4 Michael J. Turley, MLCLANT  
CWO2 Eduardo Quiles, CGPC  
IVCM William J. Hawe, CGIS  
CWO4 Alan E. Dusi, CGPC  
SKC Yvonne Butler, CGPC  
YNC Louis R. Stamm III, TC Yorktown  
ET1 Wesley G. Burgess, MLCLANT  
MK2 Craig W. Reilly, D14  
OS2 Timothy C. Meadows, MLCLANT

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# Taps

• **VADM William F. Rea III, USCG(Ref.)**, 86, Dec. 11, 2004, in Coral Gables, Fla. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., VADM Rea graduated from the Coast Guard Academy with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1941. He was a watch officer in *CGC North Star* and navigator in *CGC Storis* on the wartime Greenland Patrol, and finished World War II at Marine Inspection Office (MIO) in Norfolk, Va. In 1946-47, he helped organize and train the Korean Coast Guard. He returned to MIO Norfolk, then served in Port Arthur, Texas. From 1952-54, he served as executive officer and then as commanding officer of the Destroyer Escort



*Koiner* (WDE-431) on ocean station patrol in the Pacific. He served as deck inspector and senior investigating officer for four years at MIO New Orleans, La. He then commanded *CGC Tamaroa* (WMEC 166) for two years, based out of Governors Island, N.Y. From 1960 to early 1964, he was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., where he was Chief of the Vessel Inspection and Manning Requirements Branch and then Assistant Chief of the Merchant Vessel Inspection Division. He was Officer-in-Charge of MIO New York, then returned to Coast Guard Headquarter in 1967 as Deputy Chief, Office of Merchant Marine Safety. On July 1, 1968, he was promoted to rear admiral and assigned as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District. He moved to Chief, Office of Merchant Marine Safety at Coast Guard Headquarters in July 1970. He was promoted to vice admiral and assumed command of the Atlantic Area and Third Coast Guard District at Governors Island, N.Y. in July 1974. This tour included the United States Bicentennial celebration in 1976, with the tall ships in New York Harbor for the Fourth of July. His active duty decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal. Following retirement July 1, 1978, he served as a consultant to the American Bureau of Shipping for 20 years, and remained active in other endeavors in the marine industry. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Jackson Friend Rea, and their three children, Bernadine Friend Rea, Amelia Ruth Rea Maguire, and William Sheip Rea; three grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held in Coral Gables at a time and place to be determined. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. during January or February 2005. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vice Admiral William F. Rea, III, Marine Safety Scholarship Endowment, Coast Guard Foundation, 394 Taugwonk Road, Stonington, CT 06378-1807. See ALCOAST 549/04.

• **CAPT Larry L. McLendon, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 22, 2004, in Tupelo, Miss. Survived by his wife, Ann.

• **CAPT John Daniel Stengel, USCGR(Ref.)**, Dec. 5, 2004. Survived by his spouse, Claire Stengel. Services through Pearson Funeral Home, Louisville, Ky. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Louisville Dec. 8, 2004.

• **CDR Eugene V. Batt, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 16, 2004, in Port Charlotte, Fla. Survived by widow, Myrtle P. Batt.

• **CDR Burdett F. Emery, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 26, 2004, in Portland, Ore. Survived by his spouse, Kathia Emery.

• **PSCM Gary W. Gregg, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 16, 2004, in Franklin, N.C. Survived by his children, Kathy, Carole, Alisa, Alana and Donald.

• **MKC Thomas W. Van Drew, USCGR**, Dec. 8, 2004, in Huntington Beach, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Cecilia. A memorial service was held on Dec. 18, 2004 at Grace Community Church, Seal Beach, Calif. Interment Heritage Memorial, Huntington Beach, Calif. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to either one of the following organizations: City of Hope, 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010, or The American Cancer Society, 1940 E. Deere Avenue, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 97205, 1-800-227-2345, Web site: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). If you would like to send the family a condolence card, please forward to: The Thomas W. Van Drew Family, c/o Cecilia Van Drew, 950 10th Street #D, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

• **ET1 Daniel S. Layon, USCGR(Ref.)**, Dec. 10, 2004, in Wilmington, Mass. Survived by his wife, Jean Layon. Interment pending Wilmington, Mass.

• **FS1 Robert J. Carlsen, USCGR(Ref.)**, Oct. 22, 2004. Survived by his sister, Janet Kessel.

• **MK1 Everett H. Parks, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 15, 2004. Survived by his son, Gary.

• **PS1 Vinney Gambardella, USCGR(Ref.)**, December 2004. Services at Burns Funeral Home, Brooklyn.

• **YN1 Eugeniusz S. Moldrzyk, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 21, 2004, in Baltimore, Md. Survived by his wife, Susan E. Moldrzyk. Interment Baltimore, Md.

• **PS3 Gary Morgan Claypoole, USCGR**, 62, of Clifton, Va., Nov. 6, 2004 at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va. He enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve, and attended boot camp at Cape May, N.J. in September 1959, in Chief Parson's Charlie-41 company. He then spent two weeks on *CGC Unimak* and then on to Groton, Conn. to finish his six months active duty. He returned home to the Washington, D.C. area where he completed his obligation. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Janice Ann Claypoole; their two daughters, Joanne Mann and Kimberly McCuen; four grandchildren, Allison and Michael Mann and Nora and Clara McCuen. He was an organ donor, giving his liver (and perhaps other organs) to help restore life to an eager recipient. A memorial service was held at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, Fairfax, Va. Nov. 12, 2004. Interment Fairfax Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to The American Stroke Association, c/o The American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.



• **PS3 Lawrence Rivera, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 17, 2004, in Agoura Hills, Calif. Survived by his wife, Karen Rizzo. Interment Chatsworth, Calif.

• **DC Robert Louis Shoemaker**, 52, Oct. 18, 2004, former member of CGRU Savannah, Ga.

• **Concetta "Tina" Albanese**, Sept. 19, 2004, wife of CDR William F. Albanese, who preceded her in death in 1989. Survived by their son, Paul. For more information, contact Mr. Paul Albanese, 718-853-1156, [airbol977@aol.com](mailto:airbol977@aol.com)



# Mentoring Your People

In the Coast Guard's vast historical past, it has had many great leaders such as Douglas Munro, Mike Healy, and Charles Calhoun. Were their career paths and successes by choice? What about other great leaders, many of whom will never be remembered for a heroic action or a position they achieved — you know the one's I'm talking about — the people who have guided you in your career. Were their career paths planned? Chances are, they had a mentor that provided sound guidance for their career.

Mentoring is a natural process that exists in the workplace and is usually between a supervisor and subordinate. *Webster's Dictionary* defines mentor as, "a wise and trusted counselor." My first mentor was a Chief aboard the now decommissioned *CGC Yocona*. "A wise and trusted counselor" is not the exact words I would've used to describe him. However, "Chief" was someone I looked up to and I now consider him the first, of what turned out to be, many great mentors for me. "Chief's" ability to successfully mentor me was not written down anywhere on paper, nor was it part of a lesson plan. He just did what he thought was right. He understood that to move forward you needed to be proactive and provide your people with the necessary tools to succeed.

In today's Coast Guard, you can look on the Intranet and find a vast amount of information on mentoring. There is information available that ranges from training guides, tips and short stories, to on-line mentoring programs. Now I know some of you might be saying, "I don't need the Intranet to tell me how to be a mentor." This may be true. In most cases our leaders are very good at mentoring. We have a deep history of carrying on traditions, some good, and some bad. Sound mentorship being a good one, how else would we have gotten this far, right? I'm just asking you to consider utilizing the information out there to help you hone your skills — use it to your advantage.

Here are a couple things about mentoring that I've learned on the Intranet. The four mentoring relationships: Supervisory, Situational, Formal and Informal. This helped me understand the type of mentoring that I have been exposed to over the years and the types I have used in

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the past. I found two leadership essays, *Mentors Needed From the Start* and *Finding a Mentor*, great examples of why mentoring is so very important. For those who would like to take mentoring to a new level, Training Center Cape May has the "Mentor a Recruit Company" program. This program lets you get involved with recruits from the start of their career by providing organizational insight, professional advice and shared expertise. Recruit Company mentors bridge training and the first unit by preparing recruits to meet the field's expectations.

Something you can't get from the Intranet is personal face-to-face contact. For some people, personal interaction is very important in establishing goal setting and career expectations. The Individual Career Development Plan (ICDP) and the Individual Development Plan (IDP) are valuable performance enhancement and career development tools. IDPs are currently required for all members in the Pacific Area within their first enlistment tour. Both plans can be located on the Leadership and Diversity Web site: [www.uscg.mil/leadership.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/leadership.htm)

The Coast Guard has gone through many changes over the years. If we use the past as an indicator for the future, change will continue. One recent change is the growth of our organization. Coast Guard members are being promoted in record numbers and achieving rank faster than in years past. This growth creates great opportunities for deserving and qualified people. We, as leaders, have an obligation for setting a strong foundation so that these new members can meet the challenges of the future. Mentors also have an obligation to ensure that our newest members make sound choices when deciding on a career path.

The most important quality of a mentor is desire. Most leaders have the desire to be good mentors, but finding time to mentor is difficult in today's busy Coast Guard.

Supervisors, I challenge you to be a mentor — to lead by example. Afford those in your chain of command time to mentor their juniors.

I would like to finish by saying "thank you" to all mentors, for your time and effort in guiding our Coast Guard members. By providing future leaders with the essential tools in this great organization, we will ensure continued success for years to come.



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PASADENA, Calif. (Jan 1, 2005)  
– Petty Officer Colleen Sette, USCGR, rides aboard the Rose Parade float for Smart & Final, which featured Coast Guard men and women and their families. The float, themed “On Board with the Coast Guard Family,” won the Fantasy Trophy for “most outstanding display of fantasy and imagination” at this years Tournament of Roses Parade.

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